

Woman of the Year Nominee:

Brandi Record



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Brandi Record has been a radiology technologist for Mercy for 24 years. During the past 9 years she has been the lead mammography tech at the Sullivan Mercy Clinic where she has helped raise awareness for breast cancer screening and the importance of women taking care of themselves. In addition to her professional work, Brandi is the president for the Sullivan Encore Music Boosters. Her duties vary from organizing fundraising events, contacting local businesses for monetary support, recruiting parent volunteers to assist with marching festivals, to being "Band Mom". She has been an active supporter of her 4 kids and their various school and college activities. Brandi believes that "knowledge is power". This is especially true whether keeping up to date on your healthcare needs and how to best serve others around you.

The Accomplishments and Contributions of Brandi Record

- 1. I started working for Mercy in 1999 as a radiologist technologist. In 2015 I transferred to the new Mercy Sullivan Clinic as the lead mammography technologist. In 2018 I became a member of the Sullivan Encore Music Boosters – a non-profit organization that raises money to help the Sullivan High School band. I was voted in as President in 2019.**
- 2. Through working at the Sullivan Clinic, I have helped raise awareness in the community for breast cancer. I have become a familiar face to my patients – someone they can talk to and trust with their healthcare needs and concerns.
With being a member of Encore, we have hosted a variety of events throughout the years – from marching band festivals with as many as 31 bands, music trivia nights, cornhole tournaments, and jazz nights. Through these extensive fundraising activities and with great community support Encore has helped fund the band with two MMEA performances at Margaritaville, three performances at Bands of America Super Regionals in St. Louis, and a trip to Band of America Grand Nationals in Indianapolis.**
- 3. I don't do what I do for recognition. The relationships that I have built over the years with my patients and the band kids and parents are priceless. I treat my patients like they are my own family. It is my honor that they trust me to give them the best care possible and that they recommend me to their friends and family.
Encore is a collection of great band parents whose goal is to help the band students and directors to have the tools necessary to create the best performances possible. The numerous awards the band has received over the years has made all the hard work possible.**
- 4. By building relationships, we are setting examples for our younger generations to want to stay and raise families of their own in the Sullivan Community. I feel like our community is moving in the right direction. Numerous local people are starting their own businesses and emphasizing group activities – to help people of all ages to feel like they belong. We have wonderful teachers in our school district that honestly want our children to succeed in life. Recently a business owner in St. James reached out to the Facebook community to ask for help. It was refreshing to see the outpouring of support not only from our local community but from neighboring counties as well.**





Woman of the Year Nominee:

Kathy Ruwwe





ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.

Karaoke for a Cause May 23rd + 24th
Breast Cancer awareness fundraiser for BJC Oct. 2023

2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.

Munroe Community Mission Board
MBHS Fundraising Board
LHYC Supporter

3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.

Woman of the year

4. Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.



Woman of the Year Nominee:

Nicole Dunn





Nicole Dunn is a forward thinking individual who is deeply committed to making a positive impact on the community. As co-owner of The Muscle Bar, she has not only established a successful business but has also created a welcoming space for people to connect and thrive. In addition, Nicole serves as the Vice President of the non-profit organization, "Lift with Love," where she tirelessly works to uplift those in need. One of her notable accomplishments includes organizing and facilitating a highly successful fundraiser called "Karaoke for a Cause," which raised funds for a fellow community member. Nicole's dedication to community service extends beyond fundraising events. She has also organized and led community cleanups, demonstrating her commitment to creating a cleaner and more beautiful environment for all. Nicole's active involvement in community initiatives reflects her belief in helping others in any capacity she can. She firmly believes that "By lifting each other up, we can make our community stronger, more prosperous, and a better place to live for everyone." Her unwavering commitment and passion for community engagement make Nicole an invaluable asset to Sullivan.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.

I am Proud to Say that I Conceived, Created, and actively participated in every Step of bringing "The Muscle Bar" to life.

2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.

Co-owner of The Muscle Bar
Vice President of a non-profit called "Lift With Love"

3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.

N/A

4. Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.

I was born and raised here in Sullivan. It has always had a special place in my heart. Now that I have two children that reside here, I have made it a personal mission to make it not only beautiful, clean, and safe for our youth. I want to help its citizens to the best of my abilities. I love this town. I want to see it thrive.

Woman of the Year Nominee:

Sherrri Marrocco





ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.

Every year we offer Back to School FREE haircuts for all school aged kids, which is a huge turnout. Director of it and work with others at The Salon - Held every August. Food & Toy drive for Mission & House of HOPE!

2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.

I love to be ~~involved~~ involved in the community, to help & volunteer where I can.

3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.

Graduated TOP of my class at Arabber and received a scholarship.

4. Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.

Sullivan has been super supportive from day one, this town comes together and rallies & supports one another. Sullivan is a wonderful town to live in and raise your families in. With having the Salon I get to meet new people all the time so I just plant those seeds and tell everyone I can about our town! I try my best to be a leader and touch as many lives I can in a positive way.

Dear Chamber,

2-12-24

I am writing this letter of reference for Woman of the Year nominee Sherri Maracco. I have known Sherri since she was in grade school through high school and now as a business owner. Sherri's business savvy, work ethic and giving heart has made a positive difference in many lives not only in Sullivan but the surrounding area.

In the last 3 1/2 yrs. that I have worked along side of Sherri I have personally witnessed her community support in many different ways. She not only supports the Sullivan School District in the sports arena she supports the Band as well. Sherri also is a huge supporter of local businesses. She not only shops local she also advertises to her clients about shopping locally. I've also seen Sherri donate to many local benefits. Sherri not only donates funds or salon services she volunteers her time to fundraisers on top of working 6 days a week. Another quality I find amazing about Sherri is the countless "hand ups" I've seen come from her. She has a heart for those who are unfortunate, lost or broken. She believes in 2nd chances. She sees the potential in many that don't see it for themselves. She is an encourager without any judgments.

She is a leader without an ego.
She is a woman who deserves to
be recognized for the amazing person
that she is!

Thank You
Sincerely,
Suzanne Mills

I nominated Sherrri Marrocco for Woman of the Year. I've thought about doing it for several years. Then life happens, and a few more years passed.

This is what everyone should know about her.

She has a heart of gold. She is so ~~she~~ kind. She's a self made, successful business owner. She has been an inspiration to me since the day we met. She seems to have the innate ability to lift people up and see the positive. The girl is humble. She's always thinking of others, expecting nothing in return.

She is a Mom, a wife, a daughter, business woman, and friend. Her charitable contributions go beyond money. She is welcoming, and will share with most anyone.

Sherrri is one of those people

who has no idea how wonderful she is
and just wanders around making
the world a better place.

Sincerely,

Barb Podany





Grace City Church
Supporting the Salvation Army
and our community

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Woman of the Year Nominee Sherri Marrocco

Shae Reed <shaelreed@yahoo.com>

Fri 2/16/2024 2:00 PM

To: Chamber Director <director@sullivanmochamber.com>

Sherri Marrocco

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for Sherri Marrocco for the 2024 award for Woman of the Year. To me Woman of the Year speaks to more than one's personal and professional achievements and I'm sure that you know by now that Sherri is lacking in neither. Sherri worked full time and put herself through Grabber Beauty School and graduated the top of her class in 2014. She received a scholarship from Grabber to further her career and opened her first salon in 2016. Since then, Sherri has helped many new stylists further their career by giving them a place to learn and grow. Through her salon she also pours back into our community in many ways, just a few I can think of are free back to school haircuts she and her stylists give each year in August to kids in the community, donating hair to locks of love, adopting families at Christmas, supporting those in need if there has been a family illness or tragedy, and the list goes on and on. To me Woman of the Year speaks to more of a character and the heart of a person than the list of achievements and awards though. When I think of Sherri and the heart and character that she embodies it is one that would make the world a better place if more people possessed. She is one of the most generous people that I know. She never gives expecting to receive something in return, its simply out of the goodness of her heart. She truly desires to see others around her succeed which is often rare in the world that we live in, but Sherri rejoices when others succeed. For example, if you look at Sherris Facebook feed every other post she has shared is someone else's business listing she is sharing to help them promote what they are selling or doing. How many others are doing that? Sherri is always positive, lol one of the things she often says is "it's fine" even when it's really not been fine and your average person would be losing it, she stays positive and levelheaded. She is always able to see the best in a person and a situation. Somehow, she can look at a junk pile and see the beauty. She is one of the hardest workers I have ever known. When she first opened her salon, she worked 6 days a week, long late days. Now she has very little debt because she has worked very hard to save and manage her money well, making excellent business decisions. Sherri has succeeded through hard work and dedication. I've have watched her let employees come in and she has been generous cutting them breaks allowing them 2nd chances because she wants them to have the same success she has had. She is always eager to help those in need any way she can and not to receive acknowledgement but because she sees the good in all people and her faith that is unwavering. Sherri is beautiful inside and out and her enthusiasm for helping others to succeed as well as her desire to give back to the community that has come alongside her and supported her business pours out of her! She is not done pouring into our community, her next goal is to open a sweet little ice cream shop next to her salon very soon. Honestly I'm not sure if I should be sharing this or not but I say it only because her reason is, "I want to have an ice cream place in town where people can afford to bring the entire family out for ice cream, even if it's a family of 6" then she said, "do you know how much it is to get a blizzard at dairy queen now days, how can the average working class family afford that?!" lol, I do know how much it costs, she has the biggest heart for all people, and these are just a few reasons why I believe Sherri is an excellent choice for Woman of the Year.

Sincerely,

Shae Reed
Grace City Church
Administrative Assistant





Sherri Marrocco at The Cutting Edge and Tanning

Aug 21, 2023 · 🌐

We got to Bless 33 kids with FREE Haircuts!!... See more

Woman of the Year Nominee:

Katie Harmon



Katie Harmon



1. For the majority of 2023, I was working as a Supervisor at a communications company supporting a team of call center agents where we rallied together to navigate the changing dynamics of working through a company buy out. We weathered the storms of major changes in leadership, operational processes and software. At the same time our team made efforts on a regular basis to remain involved in the community through participation and support of community efforts like the 5Kden, local toy drives, volunteering at the Franklin County foster closet, making donations to our local food charities, and overall just showing up to be a part of the community through things like dressing up to hand out candy for the Spooktacular business events, as well as shedding blood, sweat, and hypothetical tears to make an awesome float for the Neon Lights & Cowboy Nights Fair parade.

After Leaving the Company in September 2023 to take on a position as Executive Assistant at Executive Wood Products, I was quickly promoted as Director of Business Development, and again awarded a VP position in the company within my first three months of employment.

2. I am a now decades long member of our local Fraternal Order of Eagles where my family and I have been involved for as long as I can remember. As soon as I was of age I jumped at the opportunity to be able to spend time with some of my favorite people working as a bartender for countless weddings and events and volunteering on occasion over the years.

I am also a member of the Ridge Church of Sullivan where I have been given the opportunity to help out with things like the outdoor movie nights, and have also been privileged to spend the majority of my Sundays at the Welcome Center between services seeing all of the smiling faces, meeting new people, and watching all of the kids run around the lobby laughing and smiling, and just being kids in God's house. It brings me so much joy to just be there in the midst of it. I wouldn't want to spend my Sunday mornings any other way. This past November at a Wednesday night Bible study led by John Blackmore, my significant other and I chose a lucky seat with a \$50 bill taped underneath and were asked to "produce fruit" with it. This led to additional donations by both church members and non-church members totaling over \$1250, all of which went towards the purchase of shoes, leggings, sweatpants, and hoodies for all of our local schools to have on hand for any children who may need them. Yet another testament to how strong and generous this community can be.

3. No significant awards or honors that I can think of
4. I truly love this community. While no place in the world is perfect, I am thankful all of the time to have been blessed with this life. To have been given this family, at this time, in this community. We are so lucky even when we aren't mindful of it. I have witnessed so much heartache, pain and tragedy – but what I am comforted by the most is the ways I have seen this community come together in those times to support one another, and I have seen so many people give SO generously that it has rendered me speechless at times. Mr. Rogers said in a quote once "look for the helpers" and I have seen with my own eyes that this community has helpers abound. It's

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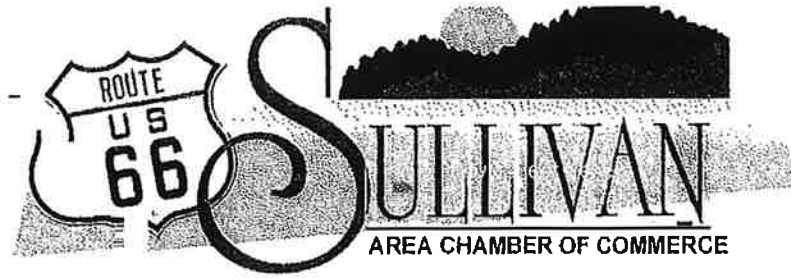
Sonya Sewald



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Sonya Sewald is the Broker/Owner of Legacy Realty and has served the Franklin County Board of Realtors® beginning as a Director in 2020 through her term as President in 2023, sitting on Executive and Advisory Board Committees and continuing on that path into 2024. In 2022, Sonya received the Franklin County Board of Realtors® "Realtor® Service Award of the Year". She now serves the MO Realtors® at the state level in Professional Standards on the Grievance Committee, on the Member Engagement Committee, and as the MO Realtors® State Political Coordinator for Representative Ron Coleman. In addition to her professional work, Sonya joyfully serves in the Welcome Center at the Ridge Church of Sullivan, as a Ward II Alderman in Bourbon, and in various roles with Bourbon Economic Development Group, the Bourbon Community Development Corporation, the Bourbon Area Community Center, the Bourbon Animal Care & Control Corporation, and Impact 100 – Crawford County. Sonya began her life and career in the Sullivan area very humbly and credits the grace of God for allowing her to thrive even in difficult times. She strongly believes that *"When you are blessed, you have a responsibility to bless others, whether with your time, your money, or your heart – that's what makes small communities like ours so strong"!*





ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.

- 2023 President of the Franklin County Board of Realtors®
- 2023 & 2024 MO Realtors® State Political Coordinator State Rep. Ron Copeland
- 2021 - Present Franklin County Board of Realtors® Advisory Committee
- 2024 MO Realtors® Member Engagement Committee
- 2021-2023 Franklin County Board of Realtors® Executive Board

2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.

- 2019 - Present Alderman, City of Bourbon
- 2018 - Present Secretary of the Bourbon Economic Development Group
- 2020 - Present Director with Bourbon Area Community Center
- 2023 - Present Secretary of the Bourbon Community Development Corporation
- 2023 - Present Member Bourbon Animal Care & Control Corporation
- Sullivan Soccer and Travelling Baseball Team Sponsorships

3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.

- 2022 Franklin County Board of Realtors® Realtor® Service of the Year Award
- 2022 Realtors® Commitment to Excellence Endorsement
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4. Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.

Making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work, and visit is so important to not only Sullivan, but also the surrounding area. Sullivan is the anchor for communities like Bourbon, Cuba, Japan, Spring Bluff, Stanton and St. Clair. It provides a Hospital, medical services, shopping dining, and industry to the surrounding communities, offering them resources to help sustain their residents so we can all live and thrive in a beautiful country environment that we love so much. When we put our time, money, energy and heart into the Youth, the Churches, the Businesses, and the Civic Organizations of Sullivan, we build a strong community that reaches beyond the City Limits and creates a better life for our Children and Grandchildren to enjoy and preserve for years to come.

I am very humbled to be nominated for Woman of the Year for Sullivan. This beautiful city of ours has truly been a blessing to me personally and professionally. Here I am raising a family and growing a business, because of it's support. Support locally-owned businesses is engrained in the core of Sullivan and it's people. Makes it so easy to give back, which I will always have a heart to do. Someone once said, **"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"**.

I graduated from Beauty School with high honors and received a scholarship. I worked to hone my craft then decided to open up my own shop. It was a huge step out on faith, but Sullivan supported me with love and encouragement. I have brought many workers under my care and hopefully mentored them well. One has gone on to open her own business. I have also hired people trying to get back on their feet, after battling addictions, which is a struggle in our community. That is probably one of my greatest honors, personally and professionally.

As a business, I have been diligently pouring back into the community.

1. Locks of Love
2. Free back to school haircuts in August
3. Donated to Spiritual Solutions, House of Hope, St. Anthony Auction, and Pat Blankenship Benefit
4. Toy and Food drive for House of Hope
5. Helped Families in Need at Sullivan Community Mission for Holidays
6. Food for Band at Sullivan High School
7. Supported Meal Train for Jessica Vaughn's Family

Thank you, again. It warms my heart that I feel like I am making a difference in this town that I love so much.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Mammott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.